dispose of contracted (import) sugar at best possible international price. Out of the initially contracted quantity of about 4.09 lakh tonnes, STC and MMTC have been able to reduce the contracted quantity to 2.91 lakh tonnes by sweeping off/cancellation of the 1.18 lakh tonnes out of the total contracted quantity. The loss/gain, if any, would be known only after completion of the transactions.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I disagree with it. ...*(Interruptions)*... It is a very bureaucratic presumption of what has happened in the country. A few months ago, we did not anticipate the shortfall in the sugar production in the country. That had resulted in the sugar scam. Today, ...*(Interruptions)*... Part (a) of my question is, why did they fail to take that question into consideration? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्रीः सरकार की तरफ से कोई मंत्री एक्सप्लेन क्यों नहीं देता? ...(व्यवधान)

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्राः होम मिनिस्टर नहीं, प्राइम मिनिस्टर नहीं ...(व्यवधान).. न प्राइम मिनिस्टर बोले, न होम मिनिस्टर बोले, कोई नहीं बोला। ..(व्यवधान)..

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: That is part (a) of my question.

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्रीः इस सरकार की बात क्या सुनें हम लोग। ...(व्यवधान)... सईद साहब यहां हैं, वे बताएं। ...(व्यवधान)... हम लोगों की मांग है कि माननीय सईद साहब पहले बोलें। (व्यवधान)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: If we have to pay any cancellation charges ...*(Interruptions)*... That is part (a) of my question, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down, all of you. Please hear him. ...*(Interruptions)*... Don't you want to hear him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): Sir, regarding the Naina Sahni case, the charge-sheet has already been filed in the Court and therefore, the matter is *sub judice*. We will not be in a position ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you allow us to proceed? ...*(Interruptions)*... I adjourn the House up to twelve o'clock.

The House then adjourned at thirty-two minutes past eleven of the clock and re-assembled at one minute past twelve of the clock, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN In the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—Contd.

Globalisation of Labour Market

*2. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed that globalisation of capital/investment trade/technology without globalisation of labour market is giving rise to acute unemployment, under-employment and social tensions in the developing countries;

(b) to what extent these problems have increased in India since 1991 and whether any assessment has been made in this respect; and

(c) what measures are being taken to ensure that the situation does not deteriorate and become explosive?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) It is the general experience that globalisation of capital investment, trade and technology does by itself create enhanced employment opportunities in developing countries where liberal national economic policies are followed. It is also not correct to hold that there is no globalisation of labour market at present, considering that there is significant

movement of labour across national boundaries, though there is need for lot more liberalisation of restrictions in several countries against immigration of labour.

So far as India is concerned, since 1991 when economic reforms were introduced, it is estimated, that 18.78 million additional jobs hve been created, 6.58 million during 1992-93, 5.02 million during 1993-94 and 7.18 million during 1994-95.

In any case, the social dimensions of economic reforms including in the area of unemployment have been kept in view, and following the manoeuverability gained through overall fiscal correctives, allocations for social sectors and poverty alleviation programmes have been significantly stepped up during and since 1993-94.

In addition, utilising resources available under the National Renewal Fund, allocations are also being made for training and retraining to improve the employability of the workers and job seekers.

Demand to repeal essential Commodities Act

*3. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether federation of all India Food Dealers has recommended that the Essential Commodities (special provisions) Act, 1981 be repealed immediately;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The validity of Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 was extended for five years beyond 31.8.1992 after consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. None of the State/UT Governments at the time opposed the extension. This Act was enacted and its validity extended to deal more effectively with persons indulging in hoarding, blackmarketing etc. Repealing the Act has not been found to be feasible under the circumstances. However, the Central Government has advised the State/UT Governments to exercise the powers under the Act with great care and caution so that no harassment is caused to honest traders or businessmen.

Duty Exemption under EPCG

*4. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh application has been received from Sterling Cellular Limited for duty exemption under the EPCG Schemes after two earlier applications for similar duty exemptions were rejected by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to reverse the earlier decision; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) M/s. Sterling Cellular Limited have filed an application under 15% concessional duty EPCG Schemes as a service provider which is under examination. Earlier they had made an application under Zero Duty EPCG Scheme which was not approved as it was felt that the party may not come under the purview of this Scheme.

मध्य प्रदेश में अमरोली कोलियरी गोली-कांड

*5. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एन० सी० एल० सिंगरौली के अंतर्गत अरोली कोलियरी परियोजना के प्रबंधन ने